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The Honorable Scott Pruitt
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William Jefferson Clinton Federal Building
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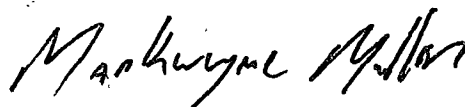Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

I am writing to request that the Environmental Protection Agency delay or forgo implementation of new requirements on Continental Carbon Company and Cabot Corps carbon black production facilities.

Under the previous Administration, the EPA implemented a national enforcement initiative to control emissions from carbon black manufacturers. These costly requirements were to be industry-wide, however, Continental Carbon and Cabot Corps were the only two companies out of the five competitors in the industry that face these requirements.

Continental Carbon and Cabot have each already made substantial investments as required by their settlements with the EPA. However, if they do not meet their September 2018 and June 21 deadlines, they could be forced to shut down. The EPA will be running these two companies out of business. Continental Carbon employs more than 300 people in Oklahoma, Alabama, and Texas, investing $140 million in their local communities. More than 1,500 people work for Cabot in Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Texas. They have facilities in my district in Pryor, Oklahoma and bring in more than $360 million annually to the communities they are in.

The actions of the previous administration have created an uneven playing field. For this reason I am asking you to delay or forgo these costly requirements that have the possibility of shutting down facilities and costing Oklahoma millions of dollars.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress